

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant	:	George P. Teitelbaum
Appl. No.	:	10/688,135
Filed	:	October 17, 2003
For	:	PERCUTANEOUS VERTEBRAL FUSION SYSTEM
Examiner	:	Jerry L. Cumberledge
Group Art Unit	:	3733

**AMENDMENT****Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on September 7, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.